(e) As Per information furnished by the "Registries of the Supreme Court and the High Courts, the position has been indica ted in Statement-IV, attached herewith *[See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 64].

(f) The steps taken from time to time to reduce pendency in Court$_s$ have been indicated in Statement-V attached here with. *[See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 65].

Import of Electronic Exchange

1647. SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will th$_e$ PRIME MINISTER b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pressure is being mounted on the Department of Electronics to clear the import of the electronic exchange of 33,200' lines from Japan when the Department earlier has already turned down the request to import these exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what i$_s$ the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what i$_s$ th$_e$ number of licences issued to import or to manufacture the small exchange in India basides Indian Telephone Industries and Electronic Companies; and

(d) by when the small $_e$xchange$_s$ are likely to be ready fo$_r$ delivery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Proposal had bee$_n$ received by the Department of Electronic^ for clearanc$_e$ of import of 33,200 lines of small exchange equipment from Japan. Import clearance proposals are examined! on merte taking into account the indigenous development, manufacturing capabilities and the users' requirements. Government has not so far given clearance for import.

(c) Besides Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), letters of intent for manufacture of Rural Automate Exchange$_s$ (Small exchanges) have been issued to 14 State Corporations for a total of 7.1 lakh lines.

(d) Th$_e$ small exchanges will be ready for delivery during th$_e$ course of 1988.

Formulation of a package of Economic Measures

1648. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL;

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a package of measures to re-Vamp the Planning Commission, eliminate the programmes having adverse effect on long term goals and to do away with mid dlemen to ensure that subsidies and con cessions given under the 20 Point and Poverty alleviation programmes reach the people whom they are intended to benefit; and

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken in this regard and the action taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH EN-GTI): (a) and (b) Government has been strengthening the Planning Commission so as to improve it$_s$ capabilities for under-raking long term futuristic and innovative planning exercises. Evaluation and review of the programmes and policies of th$_e$ Government with the objective of improving their implemnetation is a continuous process so that the achievement of long term goals can be optimised and ensured. Implem-enta'ion of 20-Point and poverty-alleviation Programme, is being continually monitoried to ensur= that the benefits reach the targe' group.